Sample Question Paper for Practice Only High School Examination-2026

Subject-English

Total No. of questions	Total Printed pages	Time	Maximum Marks
16	07	3 hours	75

Instructions: -

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

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The Great Wall of China is one of the most iconic structures in human history, stretching over 21,000 kilometers across northern China. Built over several centuries, its primary purpose was to protect Chinese territories from invasions, particularly from nomadic tribes in the north. Construction began in the 7th century BC, but the most well-preserved sections were built during the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644). The wall is made from various materials, including stone, brick, tamped earth, and wood, depending on the region's resources. Watchtowers were strategically placed for surveillance, communication, and defense, with soldiers stationed to guard vulnerable points. Contrary to the popular myth, the wall is not visible from space without aid, but it remains a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of Chinese resilience. Over the centuries, the wall also served as a means of controlling trade along the Silk Road and regulating immigration and emigration. Today, it attracts millions of tourists annually, standing as a reminder of China's rich history and engineering skill.

Questions:

- i. Approximately how long is the Great Wall of China?
 - a) 2,100 km
- b) 21,000 km
- c) 210 km
- d) 12,000 km
- ii. What was the primary purpose of building the Great Wall?
 - a) to mark Chinese territory
 - b) to protect from northern invasions
 - c) to serve as a trade route
 - d) to connect cities
- iii. What is a common myth about the Great Wall?
 - a) It was built in one year.
 - b) It is visible from space without aid.
 - c) It is made entirely of stone.
 - d) It has no watchtowers.

- iv. Besides defence, what other functions did the Great Wall serve?
 - a) controlled trade and regulated migration
 - b) stored grain and water
 - c) served as a royal palace
 - d) hosted sports events
- v. Today, the Great Wall is a symbol of
 - a) Chinese wealth
 - b) Chinese resilience and engineering skill
 - c) Modern military strength
 - d) Global unity
- **Q.2-** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

1×5=5

Ravi was late for work, weaving through the crowded street when something caught his eye— a small, worn leather wallet lying near a bus stop. He bent down and picked it up. Inside were a few bills, a bus pass, and an ID card belonging to a Mr. Sharma, an elderly man who lived only a few streets away. Ravi considered leaving it at a police station, but something urged him to return it personally. The building he found was old, with peeling paint and narrow stairs. When he knocked, the door opened to reveal a frail man with worry etched on his face. "My wallet!" Mr. Sharma exclaimed, relief flooding his voice. He explained that he had been searching for it all morning—it held not only his money but also photographs of his late wife, his most treasured possession. As Ravi handed it over, Mr. Sharma's eyes filled with gratitude. "You've returned more than just a wallet," he said softly. Ravi left with a lighter heart, realizing that small acts of honesty could leave deep imprints on someone's life.

Questions:

- i. Where did Ravi find the wallet?
 - a) in a park
- b) near a bus stop
- c) on his office desk d) in a shop
- ii. What was not inside the wallet?
 - a) bills

- b) bus pass
- c) photographs of Ravi's family
- d) ID card
- iii. Why did Ravi decide to return the wallet personally?
 - a) He wanted to meet Mr. Sharma.
 - b) He had extra time.
 - c) He felt urged to do so.
 - d) He didn't trust the police.
- iv. Why was the wallet so important to Mr. Sharma?
 - a) It had his bank cards.
 - b) It had photographs of his late wife.
 - c) It had gold coins.
 - d) It was a gift from his son.

- v. What realization did Ravi have at the end?
 - a) Helping others is a waste of time.
 - b) Honesty can deeply impact someone's life.
 - c) He should work for the police.
 - d) He should carry less money.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. Also give a suitable title to it.

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Reading is one of the most enriching habits a person can develop. It is a gateway to knowledge, imagination, and emotional understanding. Through books, we are transported into worlds beyond our own, meeting characters, ideas, and perspectives that challenge and inspire us. Fiction allows us to experience emotions, dilemmas, and cultures that we may never encounter in real life, building empathy and creative thinking. Non-fiction, on the other hand, expands our factual knowledge, offering insights into history, science, philosophy, and countless other fields. In today's fast-paced digital era, where attention spans are shrinking, deep and focused reading is more important than ever. It improves vocabulary, sharpens critical thinking, and strengthens concentration. Reading also has therapeutic benefits—it reduces stress and can even improve mental health by providing an escape from daily pressures. Furthermore, it keeps the brain active, which helps prevent cognitive decline with age. Developing a reading habit does not require hours of free time; even 20–30 minutes a day can have a profound impact. Whether you choose novels, poetry, essays, or newspapers, reading is a lifelong companion that continues to enrich the mind and soul.

Q.4 You are Deepa /Deepak, studying in Govt. High School, Rajgarh, MP. Write an application to your principal for full fee concession.

OR

You are Anam/Aman, residing at 152, Adarsh Nagar, Ratlam MP. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the house warming ceremony of your house.

- Q.5 Write an essay on any one of the following topics (In about 150 words) 05
 - I. Importance of English
 - II. The Role of Science in Human Progress
 - III. Value of Games and Sports
 - IV. Computer and Mobile: Modern Need

OR

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Importance of Trees'.



SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternatives given- (any five)

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- (i) How students are present today? (any/much/many)
- (ii) I want to purchase H.M. T. watch. (a/an/the)
- (iii) I take your pen? (Need/May/Must)
- (iv) He has many plays. (write/wrote/written)
- (v) The meeting will be held Tuesday. (on/in/since)
- (vi) He could not come to school he was ill. (so/but/because)
- (vii) Bhopal is larger Gwalior. (from/to/than)
- **Q8.** Do as directed- (any five)

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- (i) in the park/were playing/Children/football (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (ii) David has taken coffee. (Change into interrogative)
- (iii) The teacher taught English. (Change the sentence into Present Indefinite Tense)
- (iv) He is too weak to go to school. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so...that')
- (v) The boy is my friend. The boy who has won the prize. (Combine the sentence using 'who')
- (vi) If she does not come on time, the teacher will punish her. Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (vii) Seema writes a letter. (Change the sentence into passive voice)

SECTION- D (TEXTBOOKS)

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Q 9. Choose the correct answers:

1. Ho	w much money d	lid Lencho war	nt?			
	(a) 100 pesos (c) 10 pesos		(b) 50 p (d) 70 p			
2. WI	 2. Where was the monthly accounts of the baker recorded? (a) on the wall (b)in a diary (c) on a paper (d) in a notebook 					
3. What was Gautama Buddha's childhood name?						
	(a) Sandeep (c) Sudheer Ga	nutama	. ,	hartha Gautama e of these		
4. W	hat did the crow	shake on the	poet?			
	(a) dust of soil (c) dust of tree		(b) dust (d) dust	of snow of ash		
Q.10 (A) Rea	d the following e	extract and ans	swer the	questions given below-	03	
On that day I took place in more than 14 For decades government	was sworn in as the Union Build 10 countries atter this had been t that represented	the first non- lings amphithended the cere the seat of wild all the peop	white Pr eater in mony, re hite sup le of Sou	ompanied by my daughter Zenani. esident of South Africa. The ceremon Pretoria. Politician and dignitaries presenting every continent of the was remacy, and now it was the site outh Africa, black and white. The air e for a new, just beginning.	from orld. of a	
i. Who accon	npanied Nelson N	Mandela on 10	May 19	94?		
a) his c) his		b) his daughted) his friend O				
ii. Where did	the inauguration	n ceremony tal	ke place?			
	oe Town City Hall on Buildings amp	ohitheater in P	retoria	b) Johannesburg Stadium d) Nelson Mandela Square		
iii. What was	s the historical sig	gnificance of t	he locati	on?		
b) It h c) It w		of white supre first anti-apar	emacy, n	dence from Britain. ow hosting a government for all per otest.	ople.	

	On littl	e cat feet.					
	It sits looking						
	over harbour and city						
	on silent haunches						
	and th	en moves on.					
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Ques	tions:	s is the post of the poom "Fo	a"3				
	(1) VV 11C	is the poet of the poem "Fo					
		a) Robert Frost	b) Carl Sandburgd) Emily Dickinson				
		c) William Wordsworth	d) Entity Dickinson				
	(ii) Wh	at does the poet compare th	e fog to?				
		a) dog	b) cat				
		c) A bird	d) A cloud				
	(iii) Ho	ow does the fog come, accord	ding to the poem?				
		a) quickly and noisily	b) slowly and silently				
		c) with thunder and rain	d) like a strong wind				
Q.11	Answer	the following questions in ab	oout 30 words- (any six)	2×6 = 12			
	(i)	What did Lencho hope for?					
	(ii)	What does courage mean to	Mandela?				
	(iii)	What name did Anne give to					
	(iv)	Why did the conductor call V	•				
	(v)	•	uspect that Lomov had come for ?				
	(vi)	What does a 'jackfruit like ar	•				
	(vii)	Why was the young seagull a	•				
0.12	Answer	the following questions in ab	out 30 words (any two)	2×2 = 4			
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		es'?	en the trees move out of it in the poem	THE			
	(ii) Wl	ny does Amanda want to be a	n orphan?				
	(iii) W	hat does 'ice' stand for in the	poem? (Fire and Ice)				
Q.13	Answer	the following questions in ab	out 30 words (any two) -	2×2 = 4			
	(i) Wł	ny was Dr. Herriot worried ab	out Tricki?				
	(ii) Wł	ny had Fowler wanted to mee	et Ausable?				
		nat did Horace Danby steal ev					
Q14.	Answer	the following question in abo	out 75 words (any one) -	03			
	(i) Wh	at message does the story 'A	Letter to God' convey?				
			goes house to house. What does she	ask for?			
		es she get it? Why not?	-				

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given - The fog comes

Q15. Answer the following question in about 75 words (any one) -

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- (i) What color is the young woman's hair? What does she say she can change it to? Why would she want to do so? (For Anne Gregory)
- (ii) What is the theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 75 words (any one) -

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- (i) How did the invisible man first become visible?
- (ii) How did Richard Ebright's mother help him?

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